Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the charge generally paid by the Trust?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is Rs. 35 a bogie for teak and rose-wood and Rs. 25 for jungle-wood.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—For how many candies?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is not taken under the standard of candies but for the whole quantity.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the capacity of a bogie, how many candies?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The whole will come to about 120 candies.

Sale of timber to Chinnan Rowther—realisation of dues.

303. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they realised any part of the advance paid to Mr. C. T. Chinnan Rowther for the collection of wind-fallen trees from Echipara Beat in 1105 ;

(2) the quantity of timber contracted for collection;
(3) the quantity collected;
(4) the quantity sold;
(5) and the value realised?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) Nothing has been advanced. The amount paid represents interim payment of the collection charges. Hence the question of realisation of the amount paid does not arise.

(2) About 1,400 cds.
(3) 886 candies.
(4) 43 candies.
(5) Rs. 774.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(1) What is the amount of interim payment of this Rowther?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Rs. 4,300.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How much of this amount is realised? What action has the Government taken to realise the balance amount?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Rs. 4,300 represents the interim payment of the collection charges of timber. But Rs. 774 is the amount realised by the sale of a very small quantity of the timber collected.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was this collected?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In 1105.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is it that the Government did not sell the balance quantity of timber for so long a period ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The timber was poor in quality. This contract was started as a sort of experiment and owing to the poor quality of the timber they could not sell the whole quantity at the expected rate.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If this timber is sold will the Government realise the whole amount ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It all depends upon the sale.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—What is the rate of collection charges ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is about 60 per cent of the value to be realised.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—There is no fixed rate ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No.

Construction of bunds on sides of Karuvannur river.

304. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) is it true that the Government have decided to construct bunds on either side of the Karuvannur river down to Chirakkal ;

(2) do the Government consider that they will succeed in restraining the flood in this manner without providing outlets for the flood water ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Have not the Government passed final orders on the scheme submitted by the Irrigation expert, Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes ; but then the Government had, in view of the discussions here, promised that it would be forwarded to the permanent Chief Engineer for another report. That report has been submitted and it is also under the consideration of the Government.

Dr. A. R Menon.—Was there not flood this year ? Is there not a channel already dug up?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has not the Government passed final orders about this scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—They passed orders on that scheme. But they thought of reinvestigating this question and they have forwarded that to me for reinvestigation.

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